

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 8-12 remain in the application. Of these, claims 1-5 and 8-11 stand rejected, and claim 12 stands objected to as being dependent on other rejected claims. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled, without prejudice.

The Examiner indicated that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the preceding amendment, claim 7 was placed in independent form by incorporating its limitations into claim 1. As a result, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-5 and 8-12 all depend from claim 1, so these claims are also believed to be allowable.

In light of the amendments made herein, all claims are believed to be allowable, and all rejections are believed to be moot. Applicants therefore request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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